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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No. Q77376

MORITA, Kiyoo, et al.

Appln. No. 10/673,443

Group Art Unit: 3654

Confirmation No. 2617

Examiner: W. RIVERA

Filed: September 30, 2003

For: MAGNETIC TAPE CARTRIDGE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to 8 distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects (without traverse) Species VI, Figures 22-27, for examination on which at least claim 10 is readable.

Applicant submits that if the elected claim is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 11-13.

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